

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Whiteville Fire Truck Apparatus project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Whiteville, North Carolina, located at 317 South Madison Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472. The funding would be used to support the acquisition of a new fire truck apparatus for the City to properly respond to emergencies in the community.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because the City's aging fleet has led to rising maintenance costs, limited parts availability, and increased downtime, all of which hinder effective operations. Additionally, updated equipment with advanced technology and enhanced safety features is needed to meet today's firefighting standards. To serve the community effectively, the City of Whiteville must maintain a dependable emergency response fleet—and a new fire truck is a critical component of that effort.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

